Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—From the figures given it is clear that the employment has not gone beyond 1,10,000 whereas the population in Gulbarga District is 6 lakhs ; out of whom 2 lakhs are agricultural labourers and 2 lakhs are cultivators who are otherwise employed. That means 4 lakhs of people are required to be employed. In view of the severe drought condition and the seriousness of the summer, will the Government consider the question to increase the employment of the people there ?

† Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Subsequent to the month of February 1973, the employment has been increased and even if more people are ready to work—whether it is 3 lakhs or 4 lakhs, the provision is there to employ them all.

Sri RAJA PID NAIK.—Whether it has come to the notice of the Government that wages are not being paid regularly with the result the workers are put to difficulties ; if it is so, will they issue strict instructions to make regular payment of wages to all the workers ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—A complaint was there ; but now we have been able to overcome it.

Questions by J. S. Ammannavar, Smt. Fernandes and Sri Doreswamy Naidu and Taregowda. Members were absent.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Question Hour is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Youth Centres in the State

424. Sri KONANDUR LINGAPPA (Thirthahalli).—

Will the Minister of State for Youth Services be pleased to state :-

(*a*) the age limit fixed by Government for being considered as Youths ;

(*b*) the number of Youth Centres in the State ;

(*c*) the facilities extended by Government to these Youth Centres ;

(*d*) the details of assistance granted by Government for the progress of youths ?

(*e*) the details of assistance granted by Government for encouraging the literary and cultural developmental activities of Youths ?

Sri V. S. KOUJALGI (Minister of State for Youth Service):-

(*a*) The age limit of Youths is between 18 and 35.

(*b*) There are in all 3456 Youth Centres.

(*c*) (*d*) (*e*), The following financial facilities are extended by Government to the Youth Centres :—

(1) Equipment grant ;
(2) Building grant of Youth centres ;
(3) Grant to creative and productive Youths ;
(4) Encouragement grant to Youth Centres.

Buses on Casual Contract Basis for Marriages

618. Sri J. S. AMMANNAVAR (Sadalga).—

Will the Minister for Labour be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the MSRTC., has stopped supplying buses on casual contract basis for marriage parties and for the tours conducted by educational institutions in the area coming under the Belgaum Divisional Controller ;

(*b*) the depots which have supplied buses for such purposes and their names and the number of buses supplied by each Depot under the jurisdiction of the Belgaum Divisional Controller during 1st January 1972 to 31st July 1972 for marriage parties and for the tours conducted by the educational institutions ;

(*c*) whether the marriage parties were compelled to hire extra buses instead of hiring them on casual contract basis ;

(*d*) the number of extra buses supplied for marriage parties for tours conducted by educational institutions and Jatras (fairs) from each Depot with their names, under the Belgaum Divisional Controller during the perid mentioned in (*b*) ;

(*e*) the schedule of rates of hire charged for the buses supplied on casual contract basis and for buses supplied as extra ;

(*f*) whether due to non-availability of buses from the MSRTC on casual contract bas s public are forced to incur heavy expenditure on hire of extra buses of the private authorised and unauthorised vehicle operators ;

(*g*) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government and the Mysore State Road Transport Corporation to provide adequate number of buses for the above mentioned purposes ?